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POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

In the Matter of:

Glenwood, AL 36034
Post Office State ZIP Code

Docket No: A2011-47

Billy W. Knight, Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Glenwood post office. The Final Determination was posted September, 26, 2011 (date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

I trust I am not being redundant but my reasons for appealing the

closure of Glenwood, AL post office stated for December 03, 2011

remain the same as I stated in my letter of October 16, 2011.

1. Based on U.S. Code 39, Section 101(b), "a Postmaster vacancy

alone is not sufficient grounds to close an office"

2. The financial statement for Glenwood Post Office given by

Mr. William Elliott, Manager, Post Office Operations on July 27,

2011 is incorrect. He lists an Annual Total Cost for operating

Glenwood Post Office at \$51,809. Annual costs for operation of
Glenwood Post Office for 2010 are as follows:

Current OIC annual salary - \$31,200, with no benefits

Annual building lease cost- \$3,240; Annual utility costs, approx.

\$4,000; Total Costs \$38,440. These costs amount to an annual
savings of \$13,369. Again, based on U.S. code 39, no small town or
rural post office can be closed for reasons of being financially
non-self supporting

3. A decision to combine our post office with neighboring post
offices in Luverne, AL or Goshen, AL would result in financial
difficulties for our local patrons: (a) to either neighboring post
office a round trip of 14 miles daily X 300 days annually = 4,200
miles. Given 25 mpg rating for most automobiles results in 168
gallons of gasoline annually; 168 X \$3.25 per gallon gasoline =
\$545 This annual amount may not seem much to most people but 90%
of residents in Glenwood are either retired, on Welfare or are on
Medicare and/or Medicaid. \$545 means quite a bit to Glenwood
residents.

4. Our Town Post Office represents the federal government to our
residents and it is difficult for us to understand the reasonings
of the USPS decision to close our little post office.